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IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

In re Application of: Kevin M. GORMAN, David R. PATTERSON,
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For: OLIGONUCLEOTIDE PRIMERS FOR EFFICIENT MULTIPLEX
DETECTION OF HEPATITIS C VIRUS (HCV) AND HUMAN
IMMUNODEFICIENCY VIRUS (HIV) AND METHODS OF USE THEREOF

PETITION FOR EXTENSION OF TIME

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S I R:

This is a petition under 37 C.F.R. § 1.136 to extend the time period for responding to the Office Action dated July 3, 2003 in the above-captioned patent application. Applicants respectfully request that the time period for reply be extended for a period of two months, from December 13, 2002 up to and including February 13, 2003.

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Respectfully submitted,

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